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SUBJECT: FURTHER STEPS IN THE DAVIS CASE

REF: BRASILIA 6083

1. ON JULY 14 DCM AND POLOFF CALLED ON ALBERT ROCHA, CHIEF OF CABINET OF JUSTICE MINISTRY AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:
(A) EXPRESSING EMBASSY'S APPRECIATION FOR COOPERATION OF JUSTICE MINISTER AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE DAVIS CASE FOLLOWING THE JULY 3 SHOOTING; (B) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INVOLVEMENT OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND ARMY PERSONNEL IN GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE DAVIS FAMILY AND ALSO FOR INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING OF JULY 3 AND THE EVENTS THAT LED UP TO IT; (C) REQUESTED THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REMAIN ON THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY NOT ONLY OF THE DAVIS FAMILY BUT ALSO OF A LARGE NUMBER OF BRAZILIAN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES; (D) STATED THAT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER STEPS BRAZILIAN FEDERAL AUTHORITIES COULD TAKE WITH A VIEW TO URGING THE LOCAL COURTS IN THE STATE OF PARA TO RESOLVE PROMPTLY AND CONCLUSIVELY THE VARIOUS INVASIONS OF THE DAVIS PROPERTY; (E) AND FINALLY THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE EVENTS OF JULY 3 PROCEED AS VIGOROUSLY AND RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

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2. CHIEF OF CABINET REACTED VERY POSTIVELY SAYING THAT REQUESTS WERE ENTIRELY CORRECT AND THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THEM TO THE JUSTICE MINISTER. HE SAID IT WAS "CORRECT" OF THE EMBASSY TO ASK THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF THE DAVIS FAMILY AND THAT A JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE VARIOUS SQUATTER CLAIMS AGAINST THE DAVIS PROPERTY WAS THE ONLY WAY TO PROCEED SO THAT THE DAVIS FAMILY COULD WORK THEIR LAND IN PEACE.
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